

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

GORDIAN NDUBIZU, PHD,

Plaintiff,

v.

DREXEL UNIVERSITY,

Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:23cv-03616-CFK

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiff, Gordian Ndubizu, PhD (“Dr. Ndubizu” or “Plaintiff”), and Defendant, Drexel University (“Drexel” or “Defendant”), by and through their undersigned counsel, submit the following joint status report regarding the status of Plaintiff’s criminal case while it is on appeal pursuant to the Court’s November 12, 2024 Order (ECF 46), and aver as follows:

1. On January 9, 2025, counsel for the Parties met to discuss the status of the Dr. Ndubizu’s criminal case (Docket No. 3:22-cr-00318 (D.N.J. Apr. 28, 2022) (“the Criminal Case”)) while it is on appeal.

2. As indicated in the prior Joint Status Report (ECF No. 38), Dr. Ndubizu intends to appeal his criminal case.

3. On May 2, 2024, upon motion of Defendant and after considering the opposition filed thereto, this Court issued an Order (ECF 34) granting the Motion to Stay the instant Civil Action pending the criminal prosecution. The stay remains in place.

4. Upon information and belief based on review of the Criminal Case docket, Plaintiff’s Motion for a New Trial was denied on September 5, 2024, and then again on September 18, 2024.

5. As recently as January 9, 2025, the undersigned Plaintiff's counsel spoke with Plaintiff's attorney, Mark W. Catanzaro, who is representing Dr. Ndubizu in the Criminal Case.

6. In the aforementioned discussion, Mr. Catanzaro confirmed sentencing is scheduled for February 6, 2025, and that Dr. Ndubizu intends to appeal the Criminal Case post-sentencing.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Paul R. Sheehan, hereby certify that on this 13 day of January 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon all counsel of record via this Court's CM/ECF system.

DATED: January 13, 2025

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